

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The enclosed 1 of 1 sheets of formal drawings includes changes to Figures 1, 2, 2A, 3 and 4. Original Figure 2 has been relabeled as Figure 2A, and original Figure 2A has been relabeled as Figure 2B. This sheet, which includes Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3 and 4, replaces the original four informal drawing sheets including original Figures 1, 2, 2A, 3 and 4. No new matter is introduced.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to correct the abstract as noted in the office action. Furthermore, changes to the specification are made to renumber the figures. Specifically, Figure 2 is renumbered as Figure 2A, and Figure 2A is renumbered as Figure 2B.

The specification is also amended to correct three minor errors. First, the window guide tracks 44, 46 were incorrectly characterized as being oriented substantially horizontally. The specification is amended to re-characterize the window guide tracks as being oriented substantially vertically. No new matter is introduced; rather, the specification is amended to conform with the drawings under MPEP § 2163.06. Figure 1 clearly shows that window guide tracks 44, 46 are oriented substantially vertically. Second, the specification characterized structural panel receptacle wall 56 as a bottom wall. This is a confusing term, as Figure 1 indicates that wall 56 is more correctly characterized as a top wall. Thus, the specification is amended to re-label wall 56 as a top wall to conform with the drawings in accordance with MPEP § 2163.06. No new matter is introduced. Third, the specification incorrectly referred to a window panel with reference numeral 54 instead of 50. The specification is amended to correct this error.

A formal drawing sheet is provided to replace the four informal drawing sheets. Applicant believes that the formal drawing overcomes the examiner's objections as to conformance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) as noted in the office action. In the replacement drawings, Figure 2 is renumbered as Figure 2A, and Figure 2A is renumbered as Figure 2B.

With regard to the examiner's objections to the drawings with regard to 37 CFR 1.83(a), the features of an upper window track defining a downwardly facing edge receiving receptacle and a lower window track defining an upwardly facing edge receiving receptacle have been cancelled from all claims. The drawings now show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, as amended.

The examiner rejected original claims 1-18 as either anticipated by or obvious in view of Strawsine (U.S. 3,636,661). Strawsine discloses a window track system including an upper window track defining a downwardly facing edge receiving receptacle and a lower window track defining an upwardly facing edge receiving receptacle. Independent claim 1 is amended to change this limitation to an upper window track defining an upwardly facing edge receiving receptacle and a lower window track defining a downwardly facing edge receiving receptacle. This amendment is fully supported by the specification, for example, Figure 1. Strawsine does not disclose an upper window track defining an upwardly facing edge receiving receptacle and a lower window track defining a downwardly facing edge receiving receptacle. Claims 1-9 are therefore novel and unobvious over Strawsine.

Independent claim 1 is further amended to distinguish over Baake (U.S. 3,570,182). Baake discloses a lower window track strip defining a downwardly facing edge receiving receptacle with serrations for receiving the upper edge portion of a structural panel member, a lower guide track structure extending from said lower window track strip and defining a pair of spaced upwardly facing window slide track receptacles, and a pair of window panels being located within respective window guide tracks and being disposed in overlapping relation, being supported for sliding movement within respective window guide tracks, and being maintained against contact with one another by said window guide tracks. Claim 1 is amended by adding the limitation that the window guide tracks are laterally offset from the structural edge receiving receptacle. This limitation is supported by the specification, for example, Figure 1. Furthermore, it is a feature of the invention to provide for a resilient strip to protect guns, cameras, etc. along the lower window track strip (see specification p. 2 ll. 12-15). Baake's lower window strip has the window guide tracks disposed directly above the edge receiving receptacle which prevents the use of a cushioning strip thereon.

Claims 3 and 10-18 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-2 and 4-9 are further amended to correct the many informalities leading to indefiniteness as noted by the examiner in the office action.

New dependent claims 19-21 are added to capture subject matter disclosed in the specification and not previously claimed.

New independent claim 22 is added which essentially captures the subject matter of claims 1 and 4.

In summary, claims 1-2, 4-9 and 19-22 are pending in the application. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-2, 4-9 and 19-22 and passage to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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enc: (1) Replacement drawing sheet with Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3 and 4.